

HAPPY HORSEMAN HITS JACKPOT

Wycombe Wanderers 3

Woking 1

by "NOVA"

TWO goals from inside-left Tony Horseman — his first scoring efforts for seven weeks — and one from new centre-forward Jimmy Hay, making his senior debut, paved the way for Wycombe Wanderers' second successive 3-1 home win.

Wycombe's experimental forward line, with James on the right-wing, played extremely well and deserves another chance.

Hay took only a few minutes to show that he had the necessary skill to make a name in this grade of football, but — naturally enough — lacks the stamina of the rest of the team, for the time being.

Woking fell away after an even, exciting first half and once Horseman had shot Wycombe into a 2-1 lead looked a beaten side.

But it was Woking who took the lead after five minutes when Wycombe were slow to cover a big gap in the defence left by Thomas in an upfield dash. Centre-forward Upton quickly slid the ball through for inside-left Dowse to hit a good goal.

Wycombe did not seem unduly worried and five minutes later a long centre by Hay was headed into the middle of the goal-area by James. Horseman took quick advantage of Woking hesitancy and shot against the goalkeeper. As the ball ran loose he prodded it back into the net. As Wycombe continued to

press James twice went close to scoring with a header and a neat flick that both flashed just past the post.

ANTI-CLIMAX

After Wycombe had weathered Woking's counter-attack they came back strongly and James, who was causing a lot of trouble with his persistent shooting and well judged centres, hit two more scorching shots only to have them both brilliantly saved by goalkeeper Farris.

The second half was rather an anti-climax with Woking's forwards never mastering the fast Wycombe defenders. Famous

veteran Charlie Mortimore was closely watched by that other Charlie, Gale, and was unable to inspire his mediocre colleagues.

An injury to right-winger Newman did not help Woking, but as centre-half Turner told his colleagues in no uncertain manner, the ball was no use on the wings, for John Beck and Alistair Lewis were in great form.

Wycombe had all the wing aces for James and Steve Hyde both caused plenty of trouble to the opposing defence.

Horseman's vital second goal, after 54 minutes, was a rather lucky affair. His shot from the edge of the area passed through the hands of Farris, after some splendid approach work by Thomas.

The standard of play deteriorated and became rather scrappy. Solitary highlights were an amazing dribble by Horseman; a Hyde shot that flashed past the post and a Thomas drive that just cleared the bar.

But a few minutes from time the issue was put beyond all doubt when an accurate James corner was headed by Blair to Hay who had the ball in the net in a flash.

Thomas, improving with every game, played a "stormer" and with John Fisher having no equal in the air the Wycombe defence was as sound as ever. Blair made some brilliant passes only to spoil a fine display with some indifferent form towards the end of the game. Horseman snapped up his goals in great style and was unlucky not to score a hat-trick.